THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):

(a) and (b) The investigations in the matter have not been completed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in the Country

2539. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more Electronic Telephone exchanges in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of electronic and non-electronic exchanges at present in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) by when all non-electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes Sir

(b) Number of Electronic Exchanges—50 . . . as on
Number of Non Electronic Exchagess—1966. . . . 30-6-90

(c) and (d) Telephone exchanges are normally replaced on expiry of their life. The attempt during the eighth plan will be to replace these exchanges mostly by electronic exchanges. This replacement programme will however contnue for several years till all non electronic exchanges become life expired. It is not possible to separately identify a programme for this and its estimated outlay. However the total capital allotment for development of Telecom facilities for Andhra Pradesh for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 117.80 crores.

Pending Applications for Telephones Connections in Andhra Pradesh

2540. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for telephone connections are pending in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district wise details thereof;

(c) by when all pending applications are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether any programme has since been chalked by Government to provide all pending telephone connections; and

(e) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district-wise details of pending applications as on 30-6-90 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*)

(c) and (d) The draft 8th Plan has been formulated with an objective to provide (by the end of eighth five year plan) telephones on demand in telephone exchanges of capacities below 5000 lines and to contain the waiting list to one year in exchanges of capacities of 5000 lines and above. With this objective expansion plans are being drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively during the eighth plan period.

(e) The total capital allotment for the development of telecom facilities for Andhra Pradesh for the year 90-91 is Rs. 177.80 crores.